

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fifty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 324–373, and S. Res. 35–37. **Pages S772–74**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 307, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 12, recognizing the third anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, honoring those who lost their lives in that earthquake, and expressing continued solidarity with the people of Haiti, with an amendment and with an amended preamble.

S. 252, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 298, to prevent nuclear proliferation in North Korea, with amendments. **Page S771**

Measures Passed:

National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 21, designating February 14, 2013, as “National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 22, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S788–89**

Congratulating the Baltimore Ravens: Senate agreed to S. Res. 35, congratulating the Baltimore Ravens for winning Super Bowl XLVII.

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Centennial of Mosaic: Senate agreed to S. Res. 36, recognizing February 19, 2013 as the centennial of Mosaic, a faith-based organization that was found-

ed in Nebraska and now serves more than 3,600 individuals with intellectual disabilities in 10 States.

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Adjournment Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives an adjournment resolution from the House, identical to the text which is at the desk, the concurrent resolution be considered agreed to, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S790**

Sequester—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on either Monday, February 25, 2013, or on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, the Majority Leader and the Republican Leader each be permitted to introduce a bill to replace the sequester required under the Budget Control Act; that if a Leader introduces such legislation, his bill be placed directly on the Legislative Calendar; and that motions to proceed to these bills be in order the day they are introduced. **Page S790**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S790**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Friday, February 15, 2013 through Monday, February 25, 2013, Senator Levin be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S790**

Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn, and convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, February 15, 2013 at 12 p.m.; Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.; and Friday, February 22, 2013 at 10:45 a.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Friday,

February 22, 2013, until 2 p.m., on Monday, February 25, 2013, unless the Senate adopts an adjournment resolution pursuant to the previous order and that if the Senate adopts such a resolution, Senate adjourn until 2 p.m., on Monday, February 25, 2013.

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Hagel Nomination: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Charles Timothy Hagel, of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Defense.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 40 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 21), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the nomination.

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Bacharach Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, February 25, 2013, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; that there be 30 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—21)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S790.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Commodities, Markets, Trade and Risk Management: Senators Donnelly (Chair), Baucus, Heitkamp, Harkin, Brown, Gillibrand, Chambliss, Roberts, Boozman, Hoeven, and Johanns.

Subcommittee on Jobs, Rural Economic Growth and Energy Innovation: Senators Heitkamp (Chair), Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, Donnelly, Cowan, Johanns, Hoeven, Grassley, Thune, and Boozman.

Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry and Natural Resources: Senators Bennet (Chair), Harkin, Klobuchar, Leahy, Baucus, Heitkamp, Boozman, McConnell, Chambliss, Thune, and Roberts.

Subcommittee on Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Food and Agriculture Research: Senators Cowan (Chair), Leahy, Harkin, Brown, Gillibrand, Bennet, Hoeven, McConnell, Chambliss, Grassley, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Marketing and Agriculture Security: Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Leahy, Baucus, Klobuchar, Donnelly, Cowan, Roberts, McConnell, Boozman, Johanns, and Grassley.

Senators Stabenow and Cochran are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

ECONOMICS OF DISASTERS FOR AMERICA'S AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine drought, fire, and freeze, focusing on the economics of disasters for America's agricultural producers, after receiving testimony from Roger S. Pulwarty, National Integrated Drought Information System, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Leon LaSalle, LaSalle Ranch Incorporated, Havre, Montana; Angie Steinbarger, Edinburgh, Indiana; Jeff Send, Leelanau, Michigan; and Ben Steffen, Humboldt, Nebraska.

IMPACTS OF SEQUESTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of sequestration, after receiving testimony from Daniel I. Werfel, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education; Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Shaun Donovan,